I have been a a professional flight attendant for seven years. The thought of allowing cell phone usage in flight is absolutely PROPOSTEROUS. Flight attendants are primarily on board for safety though others may see it as just a position for beverage service. Passengers dont pay attention when safety demonstrations are being given, they dont take interest in the briefing cards and all this WITHOUT them using cell phones. This new ruling would make our jobs even harder. It's also very rude and annoying to have someone on their phone next to you while you're trying to sleep on your flight or read your book. I personally, am not interested in hearing your conversations at any time during the flight and neither is the person next to you. I was not hired as a police officer, though i am in my own right on the aircraft because people just dont listen. Allowing them this leeway, is out of the question. Safety is our #1 concern. Who's to say that someone isn't communicating information with someone on the ground or someone seated elsewhere on the aircraft who is orchestrating some sort of attack. This is not a smart idea. Let's leave the safety standards that are in place the way they are. Passengers already have the right to use their cell phones on the ground. That is enough!!!